

**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 25-26, 2016, MEETING**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

**1. Legislative items.**

**2. Nonlegislative items.**

**a. Scholarship increase.**

- (1) Recommendation. The committee recommends an inflationary increase from \$7500 to \$8500 for each scholarship award.
- (2) Effective date. September 2016 for possible dispersal in February 2017.
- (3) Rationale. Committee records indicate that the postgraduate scholarship is reviewed for potential increases approximately every 10 years. The last time the scholarship was reviewed and approved for an increase was 2003. The committee determined that an overall increase in higher education tuition and fees, since 2003, supported a current request to increase the scholarship awards. The committee therefore recommends an inflationary increase from \$7500 to \$8500 for each scholarship award. If approved, the earliest the funds would be available is September 2016 for possible dispersal in February 2017.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. The increase will add \$174,000 to the \$1.3 million dollar budget annually which constitutes approximately a 13 percent increase.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. An increase in the scholarship amount increases the overall value of the scholarship for each recipient thereby creating more educational opportunities.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- 1. Previous meeting report.** The committee voted to approve the report for the July 9-10, 2015 Postgraduate Scholarship Committee meeting.
- 2. Final discussion and review of scholarship award.** The committee voted electronically to approve the request for an increase in the scholarship awarded.

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**3. Review of correspondence sent to the committee.**

- a. The committee considered an extension request for Mr. Kyle Arestivo, a 2014-15 awardee. The committee granted a two-year extension to allow Mr. Arestivo to use his scholarship on the condition he is enrolled by August 2020.
- b. The committee considered an extension request for Ms. Paige Gooch, a 2013-14 awardee. The committee granted an extension to allow Ms. Gooch to pursue a Masters of Business Administration, on the condition she is enrolled by August 2019.

**4. Review of scholarship announcement.** The committee approved the announcement as amended.

**5. Review of nominations.** The committee reviewed 104 fall sports nominations (42 men and 62 women). The committee awarded 29 postgraduate scholarships for men’s sports and 29 postgraduate scholarships for women’s sports.

*Committee Chair: Rich Loosbrook, Adams State University, Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference*

*Staff Liaisons: Jeff O’Barr, Administrative Services, Accounting  
Lori Thomas, Administrative Services, Accounting*

<b>NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship February 25-26, 2016, Meeting</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
	Bert Carter, Sunbelt Conference.
	Kimberly Ross-Watkins, Morgan State University, Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.
	Neil Norton, Creighton University, Big East Conference.
	Mattie White, Indiana University, Big Ten Conference.
<b>Absentees:</b>	
	Gail Cummings-Danson, Skidmore College, Liberty League.
	Rich Loosbrook, Adams State University, Rocky Mountain Conference.
	Samantha Mitchell, The Ohio State University Big Ten Conference.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
	None.
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>	
	None.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
	None.